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1. I WAS CALLED IN BY FONMIN AT 1830 MAY 4 AND FOUND SIRIK MATAK AND GENERAL SUKSUTSAKHAN ALSO AWAITING ME.
2. SIRIK MATAK OPENED CONVERSATION BY REQUESTING THAT I PASS ON TO PRESIDENT NIXON GENERAL LON NOL'S GRATITUDE FOR EVERYTHING USG DOING FOR CAMBODIA AND THE GOC ADMIRATION FOR HIS COURAGEOUS AND HELPFUL SPEECH. LON NOL PERSONAL LETTER FOLLOWING SHORTLY.
3. MEETING THEN TURNED TO REVIEW OF MILITARY SITUATION DURING WHICH FOLLOWING POINTS MADE:
  - A. CITY OF KAMPOT ALMOST ENTIRELY CLEARED OF ENEMY.
  - B. ROAD NORTH FROM KAMPOT CUT AT CHHOUK ON ROUTE NUMBER 3.
  - C. TAKEO STILL HOLDING OUT ALTHOUGH PAY THUTE BATTALIONS HAVE NOT REACHED CITY FROM ANG TASOM.
  - D. LEFT BANK OF MEKONG AT NEAK LEUNG FERRY LOST AS ARE TWO OTHER LOCALITIES TO NORTH ON WAY TO TOWN OF PREY VENG.
  - E. NUMBER OF ENEMY TROOPS HAVE CROSSED MEKONG AT FERRY AND BEGINNING TRY MOVE TOWARD PHNOM PENH AS ARE TROOPS WHICH HAD WITHDRAWN BEFORE SAANG.
  - F. AS RESULT INCREASING THREAT TO PREY VENG AND RELEASE OF SOME PRESSURE TO NORTH THANKS TO US/ARVN MIMOT OPERATION, GOC MOVING BATTALION SOUTH FROM AREA OF CHUP TO ASSIST PREY VENG. AS RESULT LATTER MOVE, GENERAL LON NOL WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING US/ARVN STAY MIMOT AREA FOR TIME BEING.
  - G. GENERAL LON NOL REPEATS REQUEST MADE SOME TIME AGO FOR SOME

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